



ISSUE CLARIFICATION

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TOPIC: Issues Related to Audiological Services

**RELEVANT SECTIONS OF THE MANUAL: Early Intervention Services
Evaluation and Assessment**

**AUDIENCE: Audiologists
SPOE Staff
Service Coordinators**

ISSUE FOR CLARIFICATION: Questions regarding the implementation of service codes and procedures related to Universal Newborn Hearing Screening

CLARIFICATION:

Assessments:

Upon receiving a referral from a hospital for Newborn Hearing Screening, the Intake Coordinator will proceed to gather information related to intake activities. Once the family has chosen an audiologist, the intake coordinator must contact the audiologist chosen. The audiologist completes the *Request for Authorization for Audiology Services* and returns the form to the Intake Coordinator. No audiology services will be authorized unless they are requested on this form.

Points of Clarification:

- Audiologic services are not time based;
- Several CPT codes can be requested; and
- Multiples of each CPT code are allowed.

Hearing Aids:

No quotes are required for analog hearing aids that cost under \$600 each. The audiologist must complete the *Request for Authorization for Audiology Services* and submit the form to the child's service coordinator.

Requests for digital hearing aids or analog aids that cost more than \$600 must be submitted by

the audiologist with the Digital/FM Technology Prior Authorization Form with all documentation requested.

There are three reasons why digital aids may be approved:

- The infant/toddler has an unusual audiometric configuration;
- There is documentation of a family history of progressive hearing loss; or
- In the professional opinion of the evaluating audiologist, the infant/toddler would be best served by utilization of digital technology.

A Review Board will consider these requests. The Board will approve or deny requests based on documentation provided. The State office will notify the child's service coordinator regarding the decision of the Review Board. If approved, the service coordinator will complete paperwork for the authorization. If not approved, the Audiologist can pursue analog amplification under \$600.

Associated Services/Hearing Aids

The following clarifications are provided for billing issues:

- Ear molds can be remade every three months (no limit) Code Y7602)
- Supplies (\$60 cap) Code Y7601
 - Dry Aid kit
 - Huggie bands
 - Hearing Aid clip
 - Listening stethoscope
 - Battery tester
- Batteries (no limit) Code Y7110

Please retain this Clarification in your Implementation/Practice Manual in the designated Section. If you have questions about this document, please contact your First Steps County Consultant.